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# Corps Facts

## Levee Repairs

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This fact sheet provides information regarding repairs to flood-damaged levee systems/flood control projects within the 139,000 square-mile jurisdiction of the St. Paul District Corps of Engineers.

### **Repairs**

Federal government policy regarding repairs to levee systems and flood control projects damaged by flooding is as follows:

#### **Federally constructed or enhanced/locally maintained systems (in PL 84-99 program):**

Will be repaired by the federal government at 100 percent federal cost, pending letter of request by maintaining authority and funding by Congress.

#### **Non-federally constructed/locally maintained systems (in PL 84-99 program):**

Will be repaired by the federal government at 80 percent federal/20 percent local cost share, pending letter of request by maintaining authority and funding by Congress.

#### **Federally constructed or enhanced/locally maintained systems AND non-federally constructed or enhanced/locally maintained systems (NOT in PL 84-99 program):**

Will NOT be repaired by the federal government.

*NOTE: Repairs can only be made to pre-event conditions. No improvements or enhancements with federal funding are authorized.*

### **Public Law 84-99 Program (Flood and Coastal Storm Emergencies)**

#### **Repair Authorization**

Levee systems and/or flood control projects are authorized for repairs if damaged by a flood event when the levee system is within the Corps' PL 84-99 program. To be included in the PL 84-99 program, a levee system or flood control project must be routinely inspected by the Corps of Engineers and found to meet Corps of Engineers construction standards and to be maintained in a fashion that does not deter from its structural integrity.

#### **Structural Integrity**

The following conditions will lessen the integrity of a levee system and/or flood control project and may result in a Corps of Engineers determination that the levee system/flood control project does not meet Corps of Engineers' standards:

- 1) Burrow holes (mammal or man-made)
- 2) Tree growth (roots degrade structure/tree weight causes undue stress)
- 3) Erosion
- 4) Any other condition determined to be a detriment to the structure

Maintaining authority will be notified of failure to meet Corps' standards. The maintaining authority will be provided ample time to correct deficiencies. If deficiencies are not corrected, the levee system/flood control project will be removed from the PL 84-99 program and become ineligible for federally assisted repairs if damages are incurred due to a flood event.